മിസ്റ്റർ എ. ബി. സേലം: അതോടുകൂടി വേണ്ട ഡെയറിയും ഉണ്ടാക്കണം. അല്ലെങ്കിൽ ഞങ്ങൾക്കു പാൽ കിട്ടുവാൻ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടായിരിക്കും.

SMALL-POX IN MATTANCHERI

132. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total number of cases of small-pox in Mattancheri from January to May 1940.

(*b*) the total number of deaths for the same period?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) 542.

(*b*) 135.

These answers were furnished some time back. According to the reports recently received there have been 1043 attacks and 427 deaths.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* Have the Government made enquiries to find out whether all the people affected by small-pox have been vaccinated?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Government have appointed a committee to go into this matter and to submit a detailed report which, we expect, will contain particulars regarding the primary vaccination, secondary vaccination etc. The report is to be submitted soon and I expect to get it within a week's time.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* Will the Committee inspect these patients also?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* As far as possible they will give detailed information. Nothing will be kept out of the public view.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* Are Government convinced that the system of vaccination followed in Mattancheri is quite good?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is not very satisfactory.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: സർ, ഈ രീതം ബാധിച്ചതു് അധികമായും ഏതു സമുദായത്തിൽ പെട്ടവർക്കാണു്?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It affected all communities. But my information is, so far as the Muhammadan population is concerned, it has got an aversion towards

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vaccination. We are trying all our best to persuade them also to accept that.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: കമ്പൽസറി വാക്സിനേഷൻ നിയമം പ്രബലമായി നടപ്പിൽ വരുത്തുവാൻ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു കഴിയുന്നതും ശ്രമിക്കാമോ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* There is a law enforcing compulsory vaccination. But nobody wanted to enforce that, if persuasion will succeed.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കൃട്ടി: വാക്സിനേഷൻ തുടങ്ങുവാൻ ഉദ്ദേശിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു കഴിയുന്നതും വേഗത്തിൽ തുടങ്ങിയാൽ കൊള്ളാം. സർ, ഈ ഫസൽ എന്നു കാണുന്നതു് ഏതുവരെയുള്ള തുകയാണു്?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* January to May.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the figures supplied in the answer are verified to be correct?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* This is the position. After giving this figure, there was a further report. According to that report, the present figures are 1043 attacks and 427 deaths, *i. e.*, about 40 per cent deaths—a very high mortality indeed!

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Are the Government aware of the total number of deaths in Mattancheri according to statistics? Do not they far exceed the number given in the answer?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* That is why he corrected the answer. The Joint Secretary said that there were 427 deaths.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യുണ്ണി: ഈ ഉത്തരം തയ്യാറാക്കിയതു് ഏതു തിയ്യതിക്കാണു്?

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* The question is only with regard to the specific period, the number of cases from January to May 1940 and the number of deaths for the same period. How is it that a different report comes recently?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May we know, how this mistake was committed? The question relates to the period from January to May 1940?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* For the period in the question, the answer given is quite correct. He wanted to give you the additional information about the deaths so far reported, because we do not want to hide anything.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* My question is, from January to May, the deaths are 135 from small-pox. Are the Government

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aware of the total number of deaths in Mattancheri from all causes during that period?

Mr. P. J. Jeorge *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Our impression was that there was a virulent attack from January to May, but from the answer now given it is seen that there have been about 400 deaths after that period. So, the figures supplied for the period from January to May, I think, are wrong.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* We will be able to give you the correct figures afterwards. We are making an exhaustive enquiry into the matter.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* 136 deaths have been recorded here on account of small-pox. Will it not be possible for the Government to give the total number of deaths that took place during the period from all causes? It will be a very easy matter for them, because there is a Births and Deaths Registrar there.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* What is the relevancy of that question here?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* The question is this. You now report that there are 135 deaths from small-pox during the period from January to May, and if the total number of deaths in Mattancheri from various causes during the corresponding period last year is a certain number and this year at least the deaths are more, then, we can find out the havoc played by small-pox. Therefore, my impression is that the figure is not quite correct.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* When does the Government expect the report of the Committee?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I understand that the report has already been submitted, but it has not been received by the Government.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* May I know who are all the members of the Committee?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* The members are, the Chief Medical Officer, the Director of Public Health and Panchayats and the Municipal Commissioner of Mattancheri.

Mr. Ismal Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* Have you any objection to take a member from Mattancheri?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* If a non-official member is willing to undertake. But the difficulty is..

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Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Do you take non-officials?

Mr. President: It is a departmental committee.

133. Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many patients were treated in the Mattancheri small-pox Isolation shed for the last three months;

(*b*) who is treating the patients there;

(*c*) what is the average expense incurred daily for each patient;

(*d*) how many deaths occurred during the above-mentioned period of three months?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) 193 patients were treated in the Mattancheri Isolation shed during 3 months from 29th Meenam 1115.

(*b*) The Municipal Health Officer.

(*c*) Three annas three pies roughly.

(*d*) 64 deaths occurred out of the 193 admitted.

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* May I know, Sir, how many beds are devoted for this purpose?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* There is provision for only 15. Government have also taken further measures to put up more sheds to house them. A doctor has been appointed and I may assure the House that as soon as the isolation shed is complete, they will be very well looked after.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* For the additional information of the House, I may state that a Doctor, a Sanitary Inspector and 8 Vaccinators have been appointed. Eight coolies with a maistry also have been appointed to clean up all the drains there. A number of additional sheds are going to be put up and, if necessary, adjacent buildings also will be taken up on rent.

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* May I know how many inpatients are there?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Nearly 45.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know, what is the provision inside?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* There is provision for 15 beds. Others are accommodated on mats on the floor.

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Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Where is the shed situated?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Just on the road from Palluruthi.

Mr. Ismal Haji Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* Did you inspect that shed at any other time?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No; except when I went to Mattancheri on inspection purposes.

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal):* Have any measures been taken to prevent people, who are infected with small-pox, from leaving the Municipal limits of Mattancheri? There was a case the other day where a person who came from Mattancheri to Chowwara was suffering from small-pox.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Instructions have already been issued to prevent that.

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* We already published a notification in the last Gazette.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Are the Government aware that Mattancheri is a damp place ? That being the case, what is the condition in the isolation sheds?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* As a matter of fact it is a damp place. There planks have been put and it is on the planks that the mats are spread. I admit that the arrangement is not at all very satisfactory. But this has to be resorted to only as an emergency. Everything possible is being done.

മിസ്റ്റർ ഇസ്മായിൽഹാജി ഈസാസേട്ട്: ഈ മാതിരിയുള്ള അനേകം സുഖക്കേടുകാർ പുറത്തു നടക്കുന്നതിനെ തടയുവാൻ മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റി പ്രത്യേകം നിഷ്കർഷ ചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ജെ. ജോജ്ജ്: വേണ്ട നിഷ്കർഷകളൊക്കെ ചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ട്.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Does the doctor visit the shed at least once a day?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. He is specially deputed to do that work alone.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* For the information of the Government, I may say that there are ever so many people affected by small-pox walking about the main thoroughfares of Mattancheri.

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No such incident has come to the notice of the Government. Anyhow, that will be looked into.

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Mr. President: Did you bring that to the notice of the Chairman and the Commissioner?

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri)*: Yes.

Mr. President: And they did not take notice of that?

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri)*: I do not know.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: It is the work of the Municipality to prohibit persons affected from wandering about the streets.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: We do not deny that. We are here also to complain to the Government about the inactiveness of the Municipalities in these matters. If they are not doing that, you must make them do it. May I know, what is the total expen diture on these 193 patients?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: The approximate amount at least?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: We have not got that information now.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: Is Re. 0—3—3 sufficient for a patient?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Yes.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur)*: From the answer to the previous question it can be seen that there were more than a thousand attacks. Only 193 are taken to the isolation shed. Are the rest remaining in their houses?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Yes.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur)*: Have the Government realised that this is one of the important causes for the spread of this disease?

മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. എം. പീറർ: ഐസൊലേഷൻ ഷെഡ്ഡിൽ [രോഗികളെ പോയിട്ട് അവിടെ അവർക്ക് പ്രവേശനം കൊടുക്കാതെ മടക്കി അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ജെ. ജോജ്ജ്: അറിവില്ല.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Will the Government kindly enquire into the money spent on putting up planks in the isolation sheds?

Mr. President: Why should we undertake such an enquiry? Government cannot undertake every enquiry suggested by this House.

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Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: A departmental report containing all these details may be called for.

Mr. President: It is primarily the duty of the Municipality to take all steps to provide for the convenience of the patients in these isolation sheds. I can say that the Minister and the Public Health Department have been taking the most vigorous steps, during the last few weeks especially, in this matter. And the question which should be addressed to the Municipal Council should not be asked here. Every Municipal Councillor can get this information as to how much amount has been spent on patients from the Municipal Council. In the case of 1000 attacks, neither the Municipality nor the Government can have isolation sheds to accommodate all. It is a physical impossibility. As far as I have seen, I think, everything possible is being done. If we get more co-operation from the public, things will be very easy.

KOOVAPPADAM SCHEME—INTRODUCTION OF

134. മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. എം. പീറർ: താഴെപറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെണ്ടു ദയവായി മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) മട്ടാഞ്ചേരി മുൻസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയിലുള്ള കൂവപ്പാടം പദ്ധതി നടപ്പിൽവരുത്തുവാൻ ഗവൺമെണ്ടു ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ;

(ബി) ഇതിനു മൊത്തമായുള്ള ചിലവു് എത്ര വേണ്ടിവരും;

(സി) ഈ സംഖ്യ മട്ടാഞ്ചേരി മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിക്കു കടമായി കൊടുക്കുന്നതിനാണോ ഗവൺമെണ്ടുദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നതു്;

(ഡി) അങ്ങിനെയെങ്കിൽ എത്ര കൊല്ലംകൊണ്ടു് ടി സംഖ്യ അടച്ചുതീർക്കണം?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ജെ. ജോജ്ജ്:

(എ) ടി പദ്ധതി സംബന്ധിച്ചുള്ള അടങ്ങൽ തയ്യാറാക്കുക മുതലായ പ്രാരംഭനടപടികൾ പൂർത്തിയായിട്ടില്ലാത്തതിനാൽ ഇതിനെക്കുറിച്ചു് ഇപ്പോൾ ഒന്നും പറവാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല.

(ബി) അറിയാറായിട്ടില്ല.

(സി) തീർച്ചയാക്കീട്ടില്ല.

(ഡി) മേൽ ചോദ്യത്തിന്റെ മറുപടി നോക്കുക.

135. മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. എം. പീറർ: താഴെപറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെണ്ടു ദയവായി മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) മട്ടാഞ്ചേരി പട്ടണത്തിലെ കൂവപ്പാടം സ്കീമിന്റെ പരിധിയിൽപെട്ട എത്ര വീടുകൾ പൊളിച്ചു മാറേണ്ടതായിവരും;

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